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## Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

## **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (Original) A compound of formula I:

wherein the pyrazole group is attached at one of the positions indicated by an asterisk and X is attached at a position adjacent thereto;

X represents H, OH, C<sub>1-4</sub>alkoxy, Cl or F;

Ar represents phenyl or 6-membered heteroaryl, either of which bears 0-3 substituents independently selected from halogen, CF<sub>3</sub>, CHF<sub>2</sub>, CH<sub>2</sub>F, NO<sub>2</sub>, CN, OCF<sub>3</sub>, C<sub>1-6</sub>alkyl and C<sub>1-6</sub>alkoxy;

R<sup>1</sup> represents a hydrocarbon group of 1-5 carbon atoms which is optionally substituted with up to 3 halogen atoms; and

R<sup>2</sup> represents H or a hydrocarbon group of 1-10 carbon atoms which is optionally substituted with up to 7 halogen atoms;

provided that when X is H, R<sup>2</sup> does not represent 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 2 (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula IIa:

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$$R^{2}$$

$$O > S - N$$

$$IIa$$

or formula IIIa:

$$R^{2}$$

$$O \geqslant S - N$$

$$O \geqslant S -$$

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 3 (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein Ar represents phenyl, monohalophenyl, dihalophenyl, trihalophenyl, cyanophenyl, methylphenyl, methylphenyl, trifluoromethylphenyl, trifluoromethylphenyl, pyridyl, monohalopyridyl and trifluoromethylpyridyl, wherein "halo" refers to fluoro or chloro.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R<sup>2</sup> represents H, benzyl, or alkyl, alkenyl, cycloalkyl or cycloalkylalkyl of up to 6 carbon atoms, or benzyl, and optionally bears up to 5 fluorine substituents.

Claim 5 (Original) A compound according to claim 2 wherein X is H, R<sup>1</sup> is methyl, Ar is 4-fluorophenyl and R<sup>2</sup> is selected from H, benzyl, n-propyl, 2,2-dimethylpropyl, n-butyl, isopropyl, t-butyl, 2,2,2-trifluoroethyl, 2,2-difluoroethyl, 2,2,3,3,3-pentafluoropropyl, 3,3,3-trifluoropropyl, allyl, cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl and cyclopropylmethyl.

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Claim 6 (Original) The compound of formula:

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended) A pharmacuetical pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claims 8-10 (Cancelled)

Claim 11 (Original) A process for preparing a compound according to claim 1 in which R<sup>2</sup> is other than H comprising reaction of a compound of formula (1):

$$\begin{array}{c}
Me_2N \\
O \geqslant S-N
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
* N-N \\
* N-N
\end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c}
* N-N \\
* Ar
\end{array}$$

with  $R^{2a}NH_2$ ;

where the pyrazole group is attached at one of the positions indicated by an asterisk and X is attached at a position adjacent thereto;

 $R^{2a}$  is  $R^2$  that is other than H;

and X and Ar, R<sup>1</sup> and R<sup>2</sup> are as defined in claim 1.